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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

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- 1. POST HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING. WITH ASSIGNMENT TO CHULALONGKORN LAST YEAR OF FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR IN AMERICAN HISTORY POST AND UNIVERSITY BEGAN LAYING FOUNDATION FOR PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT (CU) NOW SEEKING AMERICAN GRANTEE FOR 1978-79 ACADEMIC YEAR.
- 2. UNIVERSITY IN ORDER PROVIDE PHYSICAL BASE FOR PROGRAM HAS ESTABLISHED AN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER, MAKING AVAILABLE SPACE, FACILITIES AND STAFF. AGENCY LAST YEAR GAVE GRANT FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH AND REFERENCE BOOKS FOR CENTER.

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- 3. NEW RECTOR CHULALONGKORN HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN POST REAFFIRMING UNIVERSITY'S INTEREST IN CENTER AND PROPOSING A NUMBER OF JOINT UNDERTAKINGS.
- 4. ONE OF THESE UNDERTAKINGS WAS A REQUEST FOR GRANT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY'S AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT RESEARCH

MATERIALS IN AMERICAN STUDIES PRESENTLY LOCATED IN CENTER AND TO ACQUIRE AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING MICROFILM AND MICROFICHE READERS. UNIVERSITY HOPES TO MAKE CENTER VENUE FOR SEMINARS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTER-FACULTY NATURE. CENTER WOULD PROMOTE INTEREST IN AMERICAN STUDIES NOT ONLY IN UNIVERSITY BUT IN ENTIRE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND.

5. POST FEELS AGENCY SUPPORT TO THIS EFFORT IS WARRANTED AND SHOULD EXTEND A GRANT FOR MINIMUM \$10,000 AT THIS TIME.

6. FUNDING OF THIS \$10,000 GRANT CAN BE DEFERRED TO FY-78; HOWEVER, IN EVENT AGENCY YEAR-END REPROGRAMMING MAKES FUNDS AVAILABLE, GRANT CAN BE ISSUED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, IF APPROVED. AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS GRANT IS REQUESTED. MCGINLEY

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